AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Replace paragraph [0048] with:

[0048] The raw blank 28 for the manufacture of the multi-grooved belt 12 is a loop of elastomeric and pliant material having a generally rectangular cross section as shown in Fig. 3. The raw blank 28 has an operating face 29 and a fabric backing 21 ~~and a.~~ A pattern of reinforcement such as parallel cords 20 ~~running~~ runs longitudinally adjacent the driving surface or back face 30 of the belt and spaced from the fabric 21.

Replace paragraph [0049] with:

[0049] A diagrammatic view of the raw belt blank 28 defined by broken lines as well as the finished drive belt 12 are shown in Fig. 4. In accordance with this invention, the back face 30 of the raw belt blank 28 is the datum to which all processing is referenced. As described hereinafter, in practicing the invention there are three basic operations performed on the belt blank 28 to produce the precision multi-grooved belt 12 for current automotive applications: (1) edge material 34 indicated by arrows B and ~~B'~~ B must be removed to provide the precision belt width C as shown in Fig. 4; (2) material 36, indicated by arrow E, is removed from the operational face 29 of blank 28 to provide the precise thickness F of the end product; and (3) the blank material 32 of belt 12 is removed to define lands 27 between the grooves 22 in a precision operation to insure accurate, precise and intimate engagement of the pulley ribs 24 of Fig. 2 in the grooves 22. In accordance with this invention these three operations can be performed sequentially. In accordance with a preferred embodiment of the invention, all three operations can be performed with a single tool to define the vertical walls establishing width C, the operational face 31 defined by lands 27 and dimension F and the precise configuration of the height H, girth G, angle J and radius R of grooves 22. (See Fig. 22)